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"Shine a Light on Autism" game this Friday

This Friday, January 24th, 2014, Bracken County High School FCCLA will be holding their 2nd annual "Shine a Light on Autism" basketball game. The autism spectrum is tremendously large, ranging from mild to extremely intense cases. Considering this, Gena Brumley, Halie Melson, and Jaime Hester decided to continue to raise awareness of this life-changing disorder through the "Shine a Light on Autism" basketball game.

The game will be held in the gymnasium at BCHS, where the Polar Bears will take on the St. Patrick Saints. There will be numerous activities taking place that evening, such as a silent auction and cake auction that will begin during halftime of the varsity game. There will also be a guest speaker, Mrs. Diana Hamilton, who will speak on how autism has affected her life. She will take the floor between the two games. The freshman game that evening begins at 5 p.m., the JV game begins at 6:15 p.m., and the varsity game begins at 7:45 p.m.

Jarvis Pizza Night Benefit to be held Mon., Jan. 27th

Snappy Tomato Pizza in Brooksville will be holding a Pizza Night on Mon., Jan. 27th from 3-8 p.m. They will donate 20% of the profit to help Marilyn Jarvis with medical bills stemming from her battle with breast cancer



and recent mastectomy. Marilyn is the wife of Tim Jarvis and a mother of two. A bake sale will also be held.

John H. Corlis seeks re-election as Magistrate

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Brooksville District #6 for allowing me to serve them for the last 4-1/2 years as their Magistrate.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the constituents of District 6 as well as all the citizens of Bracken County.

As a servant of the people, I again ask you for the opportunity to serve you, the citizens of Brooksville District #6, as your Magistrate in the upcoming 2014 election.

Thank you again for your support.

Respectfully,

John H. Corlis

Paid for by John H. Corlis

There's a "New Man" at Tucker's in Brooksville



After the snow and colder weather last Friday, a "New Man" showed up at Tucker's Garage over the weekend. With the influx of new snow arriving on Tuesday, January 21, and more expected through week's end, there is sure to be an army of new snowmen showing up all over the county. Residents are cautioned to dress appropriately in several light layers to help ward off the bitter arctic temperatures expected to settle in over the county and Ohio River Valley through next week. Remember to check on your elderly and ill neighbors as well as families with small children and outdoor pets to ensure everyone is fairing well during the most recent cold snap. Pictured on Saturday welcoming Tucker's "New Man" are Dan Daughery, Troy Tucker, Samantha Ward, and Kimberly Shepherd.

Photo submitted

Bracken to host National Soil Health Forum on Tues., Feb. 18th

By David Appelman, CEA

You are cordially invited to participate in the National Cover Crop and Soil Health Forum Tuesday, February 18, starting at 9:45 a.m. at the Bracken County Extension Office. Check-in for the forum will begin at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. The Bracken County Extension Service and the Bracken County Soil Conservation District are co-hosting the event.

The meeting will open with live video internet-stream from the National Cover Crop and Soil Health Conference in Omaha, Nebraska and will feature Secretary Tom Vilsack (invited) and Howard G. Buffett, followed by panel presentations from leading cover crop farmers from across the nation. Approximately 200 concurrent "forum" locations throughout the country will provide NRCS and our conservation partners and stakeholders with a unique opportunity to experience the conference and discuss ways we can more fully organize and energize our efforts to enable the soil health movement—at the grassroots level.

The national conference is sponsored by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), and USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and will bring together key leaders, researchers, innovators and policy makers in American agriculture to examine the benefits, opportunities and

challenges associated with improving the health and function of our soils through the adoption of soil health management systems.

The Bracken County meeting will be one of only 3 meetings in the state. Farmers, landowners, agri-businesses, community leaders

and producer groups from the region are all welcome to attend.

Refreshments and lunch will be served. Contact the Extension office at (606-735-2141) if you plan to attend. Carpooling with others is encouraged to help with parking.

Mallory Bell, Alicia Gilbert awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic scholarships

Mallory Bell and Alicia Gilbert, seniors at Bracken County High School, have been awarded Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Scholarships by Blue Grass Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Mallory is the daughter of Glen and Kathy Bell. Alicia is the daughter of Melissa and Ray Usleaman.

"Blue Grass Energy congratulates Mallory and Alicia on receiving these scholarships," said Denise Myers, Energy Solutions Manager for Blue Grass Energy. "The All 'A' Classic allows some of our state's best and brightest students to get the recognition they deserve."

These two students were among 140 seniors from Kentucky's Class "A" high schools who came to Frankfort for interviews they hoped would earn them \$1,000 for college. The interviews, part of the 2014 Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic, were held Saturday, Jan. 4, at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

In all, more than 400 students from all areas of the Commonwealth applied for the awards. The finalists were interviewed in Frankfort by panels of business people and educators from across the state.

Eligible students for the scholarships must be in their senior year at one of Kentucky's Class "A" high schools. The students must attend a post-secondary



Mallory Bell

school in Kentucky, whether it is a college, university, community college or vocational/technical school.

"All 'A' Classic has awarded \$2 million in academic aid since it started giving scholarships about 20 years ago," said Stan Steidel of Cold Spring, the Classic's chairperson.



Alicia Gilbert

"These are some great students," he said. "It's an honor to work with them. This program wouldn't be possible without Blue Grass Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives."

Aulick recognized for community mindedness at Chamber dinner



Pictured left to right are Chamber member John Workman, Bracken County Schools Superintendent Jeff Aulick and wife, Lisa, and Chamber President Perry Poe.

The Bracken County Chamber of Commerce recognized Bracken County Schools Superintendent Jeff Aulick for being community minded at their January 8, 2014 meeting. Aulick was honored for his continued support of not only the Bracken County School system, but Bracken County as a whole. Chamber President Perry Poe said, "you never know where you will see Jeff Aulick." You can look up at FBLA functions in other cities and see him or you can see him subbing as a bus driver on any given day of the week. Besides attending both home and away sporting events, Mr. Aulick supports the many organizations and clubs at Bracken County High School as well as events at the middle and elementary school. Mr. Aulick is also visible in the community through meetings of the Chamber of Commerce. It is because of this support of his students and community and his hard work promoting the positive aspects of his school system, that he was recognized with a certificate of appreciation.



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Thoughts and Meditations from the Scriptures

"And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." - 2 Corinthians 3:3

PREACH THE GOSPEL

Saint Francis is said to have told his followers, paraphrasing our Lord, to preach the gospel everywhere you go, with words if necessary. While this is probably a misattribution, the sentiment is certainly worth bearing in mind. That is, should we not preach the gospel with our actions as much as with our words? Indeed, when deeds and words are not in harmony, people mistrust the words and consider the "preacher" to be a hypocrite. We should be as concerned with our actions as with our words, at least insofar as we hold ourselves up as moral exemplars. And most of us are called to be moral exemplars, whether we want this role or not. If you are a parent, you are expected to be a moral example to your children. Most professions are expected to set an example; we expect preachers, teachers, doctors, pharmacists, bankers, and even athletes to adhere to a high moral code. Just to be a decent human being we must adhere to a high moral code of conduct. So, we should preach the gospel everywhere we go with good moral actions, and don't worry about the words. — *Christopher Simon*



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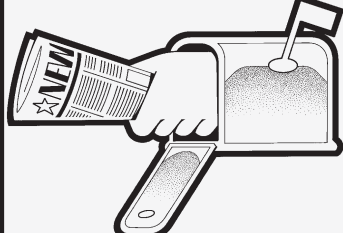
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MRS. LINVILLE

Agnes Orme Linville, 79, died Friday, January 17, 2014 at Kenton Pointe Care Center. She was born on June 22, 1934 to the late Benjamin and Anna Collins Orme.

She is survived by two children, Daniel Allen Linville of Robertson County and Deborah Northcutt of Augusta; one grandson, Brandon Scott (Jennifer Amberg) Northcutt; one great-grandchild, Chloe Brooke Northcutt; and two brothers, Harold Orme of Lexington, KY and Benjamin N. Orme of Maysville, KY. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Forrest Linville; one son, Terry Wayne Linville; one grandson, William Buddy Northcutt; one brother, Shirley Orme; and one sister Mary Lucille Gallagher.

Services were held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at Palmer Funeral Home in Germantown. Burial followed at Bethel Cemetery in May's Lick.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hope.

Condolences may be sent to palmerfh.com.

MRS. MASSIE

Jennetta K. Day Massie, 83, died Friday, January 17, 2014 at Triple Creek Retirement Community. She was born on October 18, 1930 to the late Eugene and Maymie Day and Roy and Grace Perkins Turner who raised her.

She is survived by two children, Pam (Jim) Detzel of Cincinnati, OH and Rick (Darlene) Massie of Fairfield, OH; three granddaughters, Ashley Hatfield, Lyndsay Detzel, and Brittany Dyce; her first great-grandchild is due in June; one sister, Wilma McClanahan of Brooksville; and one brother, Ronald Day of Fostoria, OH. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alberta Wolfe and Dorothy Ruf; and one brother, Leslie Day.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at Moore & Parker Funeral Home in Brooksville. Burial will be at Concord Cemetery. Visitation will be 12-1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hamilton, 1010 Eaton Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013.

Condolences may be sent to mooreandparkerfh.com.

MR. COOPER

Roger Wayne Cooper, 64, died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at his home. Born February 8, 1949, to the late Harold and Josie Cooper, he was retired from Clopay Corporation in Augusta after 42 years of service.

He is survived by six siblings, Mrs. Joann C. Thomas of Channing, TX, Mrs. Mary Worthington of Orangeburg, Mrs. Francis (James) Deatley of Augusta, Mr. Roby (Diana) Cooper of Maysville, Mr. John (Lorraine) Cooper of Tollesboro, and Jackie Cooper of Augusta; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Bradley A. Cooper; one brother-in-law, Wayne A. Thomas; and one sister-in-law, Kimberly Cooper.

Services were held Sunday, January 19, 2014, at Moore & Parker Funeral Home in Augusta. Burial followed at Bracken Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hope.

Condolences may be sent to mooreandparkerfh.com.

Deaths

MR. BYAR

Thomas "Tom" Bryant Byar, 90, died Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Meadowview Regional Medical Center. Born on January 12, 1924 to the late Bryant and Betty Egan Byar, he was a United States Air Force Veteran and a member, elder and board member of the Germantown Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jackie Glasscock Byar; and two nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Eugene Byar.

Services were held Saturday, January 18, 2014, at Germantown Christian Church. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Germantown Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to palmerfh.com.

MRS. SILVEY

Ruby A. Mahaffey Silvey, 86, died Sunday, January 19, 2014 at Kenton Pointe Care Center. She was born on July 3, 1927 to the late Chester and Earetta Nelson Mahaffey.

She is survived by four children, Doris Applegate, Ronald "Butch" Silvey, Richard Silvey of Germantown, and William "Bill" Silvey of Springfield, OH; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Sadie Harrison. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Silvey; one son, Donald "Bill" Silvey; two brothers, Clyde Mahaffey, Bill Mahaffey; and two sisters, Louise Hyrne and Pearl Thompson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at Chatham Christian Church. Burial will be at Plumville Christian Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 12-2 p.m. at Chatham Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hope or Chatham Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent to palmerfh.com.

MR. FRENCH

Ray Eugene French, 67, of Cynthia, died Saturday, January 18, 2014, at his residence. Born in Robertson County, May 27, 1946, to the late William Keith and Junita Myers French, he was a supervisor for Apex Construction and a member of Kentontown Christian Church.

He is survived by three sons, Dr. David Ray (Tracy) French, Georgetown, Benjamin Ray (Devan) French, Bourbon County and Devan Ray French, Harrison County; one daughter, Tesa Shae Nichols, Harrison County; one brother, Melvin Myers (Kathy) French, Beaver Creek, OH; four sisters, Emma (Wendell) Pratt, Robertson County, Geneva French, Robertson County, Diana (Billy) Beckett, Lexington and Patty (Richard) Dixon, Harrison County; and seven grandchildren, Ethan French, Madison French, Brittany Nichols, Isaac French, Rachael French, Katlyn Nichols and Josh French. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald Keith French, Jerry Wayne French and William Darrell French.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Ware Funeral Home by Bro. Dee Whitaker. Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Kentontown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass or Kentontown Cemetery.

View and sign the guest-book at www.warefuneralhome.com.

MRS. RITCHIE



Mary Frances Hester Ritchie, 61, died Thursday, January 16, 2014, at her home in Hamilton, OH. Born November 28, 1952, a daughter of the late Rufus Hester of Brooksville and the late Irene Malmgren of Hamilton, OH, she worked at Captain's Lounge for 18 years.

She is survived by her companion of 25 years, Ron Brock; his daughter, Misha Vordenberge, and two grandsons; two daughters, Frankie Hesler and Anita Cook of Augusta; two sisters, Tammy French of Dover and Jackie (Thomas) Smith of Butler, KY; one brother, Alvin Hester of Brooksville; one step-brother, Butch Crawford of Germantown, KY; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Dale Hesler; and one step-sister, Deana Norris Jones.

Services were held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at Ivery Funeral Home in Hamilton, OH. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Hamilton, OH.

MR. MEYER

Sanford Meyer, 60, died Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Robertson County Health Care. He was born on November 25, 1953 to the late Charles Meyer and Genevieve Flora Daniel.

He is survived by one son, John (Lori) Meyer of Columbus, OH; one daughter Amy Jo (Joe) Cooper of Reynoldsburg, OH; three grandchildren; two brothers, Ronnie (Sandra) Meyer of Falmouth, KY, and Charles Meyer of Louisville, KY; and one sister, Roxanne (Larry) Fooks of Brooksville, KY. He was preceded in death by one brother, William Meyer.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., on Sunday, January 26, 2014, at the Germantown Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to Germantown Christian Church.

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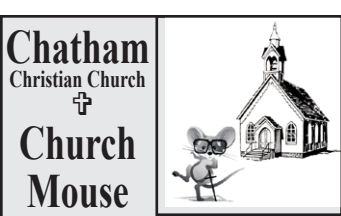
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On this Sun., Jan. 19 we had 60 to SS and 104 to worship service. All are welcome!

Jane Nelson's specials were "Until Then" and "There Is Sunshine In My Soul". Bro. Jackie's message was "Taming Our Tongue". James 3:1-12. The tongue is a fire and can be restless & evil, full of deadly poison.

Remember in prayer: Ruby Silvey's family; Peck Jefferson (staying at Margaret Watson's. Hospice & family are assisting); Little Ryan Cornett (Mary Welch's great-grandson is up to 3 lb. 11 oz.); Ruth Nickerson (hospital at St. E. for seizures); Odell Hopkins (been in hospital); Donna Parker (had heart valve replacement & is doing well); Roy & Barb Mains; Nancy Tompkins; Bobby Fryman; Paul Dugan; Daniel Hamilton. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all the families in the passing of their loved ones.

Remember the food bank and back pack programs.

Poor Rita Clos had a bandage on her forehead. The story is that Bro. Jackie smashed a biscuit on her forehead on Saturday when they had their family Christmas get together! His sister-in-law always knows how to get one over on him!

Wed., Jan. 22 - choir practice 7 p.m. Starting on Easter Cantata. Anyone is welcome & needed!

May we let our light shine for Jesus in all we say & do!



Church News

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN
by Barbara Browning

I want to start my article by saying that Oakland is planning a Memorial Service for Eudell Hall, Sunday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. He was very special to our folk so we want to give him due honor. You are invited to come share.

Bro. Jim's sermon told us to resolve to put our "gifts" into action. God gave all of us a special "gift" which we are to use and share.

A Youth Lock-in for grades 6 and up is scheduled for Friday, January 24, starting 8 p.m. Bring your (modest) pj's, sleeping bag, and friends. (Parents can pick your child up Saturday morning.)

Our sympathy to loved ones of Betty Case, Wink Meyer, Brenda Fields, Mary Sue Allender, and Mrs. Tillie Odor. Prayer concerns include Bobby Johnson, Kevin Hamilton, Wade Smith, Samantha McNabb, Teresa Barnard, LuAnn Holmes, Wilma Penny (Bro. Jim's mom), Jordan Massey, Donna Parker, Tony Rogers, Jerry Booth, Martha Meyer, cancer issues, shut-ins, armed forces, and our leaders.

AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN
By: Pastor Scott Hyden

Begin your Sunday morning with breakfast on us at 9:00 AM. Service times: Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship Service 10:30 AM, Sunday Nights 6:00 PM.

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BERLIN BAPTIST
by Karen Cooper

We invite all to come and worship with our family of believers. Sunday services begin with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., morning worship at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday night services are held at 7:00 p.m., message by Brother Dan Black.

This past Sunday was a wonderful time in the Lord at Berlin Baptist Church. In the absence of our pastor Brother Dan Black, we were blessed with a message from Brother Andrew Bishop. Brother Andrew's message was taken from Exodus 24: 1-7 and Numbers 30:1-2 and titled "Submit to God's Word and keep your eyes upon Him."

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Thousands of people were in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, and marched in a **CIRCLE OF LIFE** around the Capitol. As much as we would have liked to have been there, it was impossible to travel to Washington. We instead **MARCH ON PAPER**. We openly lend our names to urge the Adoption of a Mandatory Human Life Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

We pledge to strive to attain the goal in memoriam of those little ones who have no identity and bear no names but, nonetheless, are written on the consciences of all Americans.

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We would like to take a moment to thank the community for the wonderful support that you have shown for the food pantry. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May God bless each one today and every day.



Brooksville Baptist Church

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GREETINGS FROM ST. JAMES

by Caroline Jefferson

Today is bittersweet as we remember our son Larry who would have been 41 years old today! He was born the day after the infamous Roe v. Wade decision of January 22, 1973 which delivered a death sentence to more than 55 million babies! With an abortion performed in the United States every 30 seconds that number continues to escalate! We are proud of five members of the St. Augustine/St. James Youth Group who travelled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Annual Right To Life March on Wednesday. Steve Milbourn, Elizabeth Schellengerger, David Reed, Thomas Mains and Jon Barrett were accompanied by Lisa Barrett and Anita Jefferson to add our voices through their presence at the march to protest this immoral law! The group left Augusta at 5 AM Monday morning to join with students and chaperons from St. Joseph's Parish in Crescent Springs, and will be returning at 5 AM this Thursday morning.

This country must come to its collective senses and realize that until we once again obey God's laws, by enacting civil laws that correspond to the Commandments, we will continue to be a land of turmoil, violence and injustice!

PRESBYTERIAN POTPOURRI

by Les Grooms, pastor
Augusta Presbyterian

We had visitation for Larry England this past Monday night at the church. While the visitation was going on in the sanctuary, we had our Monday night soup supper in the fellowship hall. We also gave away a number of coats. Tuesday at the funeral for Larry we had the rare treat of playing a recording that Larry had made of his singing a number of years ago. It was very touching to hear Larry sing at his own funeral.

Friday Bud White had surgery on his leg. Bud has been having trouble with this leg for a number of years and according to news from Jeff, the surgery was successful and Bud will be home shortly.

Sunday we had 56 in attendance. Earl Bush led the worship service, Susie Hargett led the singing, Shelby England had children's church, and Kay Grooms did the power point. My sermon was a continuation on the baptism of Jesus.

Sunday afternoon at 2:00 there is a reception in honor of Judy and David England on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. I have had the honor or knowing Dave and Judy for a number of years and I appreciate them for the leadership and service that they give to the church.

Don't forget Monday nights we will have our regular soup supper and we invite anyone who is hungry, lonely, and wants Christian fellowship to come and enjoy the soups and sandwiches.

Englands Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Dave and Judy England of Augusta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

A reception was held in their honor on Sunday, January 19, at the Augusta Presbyterian Church. Family and friends joined them for cake, punch, and

many well wishes on their marital milestone.

Dave and Judy are the proud parents of two daughters, Missy (Lee) Gardner of Erlanger, and Susan (Ash) Garrett of North Carolina, and the grandparents of three, Sean Gardner, Katelyn Gardner, and Grady Garrett.

NEW ZION BAPTIST
by Sheril Fletcher

Come join us for Worship and Christian fellowship. Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship is at 11:00 a.m. and Evening Worship starts at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming: On February 9th at 5:00 p.m. there will be a Valentine Party given by Brother Rick and Tammy. On February 21st the Ladies Sharing Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. (don't forget to bring a calendar for the swap). There will be a Skating Party for all the kids at Recca on February 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

Please remember in prayer David Hale, Sue Lucas, Jenny Badger, Lisa Tidwell, Pam Bruin, Valerie Ramsey, Jean Sharp and Larry Hamilton. Also pray for our country and its leaders.

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Club News

FARMERETTES

Patty Ann Moorhead entertained the Farmerettes for their annual Christmas party and potluck dinner. We met Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. Guests were Extension Agent Shannon Smith and daughter Addie and County Homemaker President, Penny Sticklen. We enjoyed a delicious dinner with a Christmas ornament at each place setting from our hostess.

Pres. Connie Bowling called a short business meeting. Carolyn Taylor had the devotion, "God's Chosen Ones". Carol Klaber read the minutes and passed around a thank you from Rep. Mike Denham concerning the Bracken Co. Veterans Celebration. Carol did a wonderful job helping with this event. She gave a nice report about the many donations that went into the gift baskets for the veterans, table decorations, nice people that attended and the good food provided by Herb Rumford. Roll call followed and treas. report was given by Madeline Burgoon.

Shannon told of the classes in photo organization and scrapbooking which will be held in January. Club reviewed the many activities we completed in the past year.

Everyone enjoyed Connie's games & fantastic prizes. Others not mentioned were Virginia A. Bowles, Sue Baker, Audrey McKinney. Next meeting is Jan. 13 at Sue Baker's.

(January meeting) - We met at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Sue Baker's home in Brooksville. Pres. Connie Bowling called meeting to order. Carolyn Taylor read an excellent piece called "Today I've Learned All About Life From A Snowman". Roll call was answered by telling of a childhood snow day memory. Carol Klaber gave sec. report. Plans were made for club members to provide refreshments at the Feb. 5 Homemakers Extension Council meeting. Patty Ann Moorhead, Connie, Carol and Tina Wolfe will donate food.

Members kindly donated to the Bracken Co. Food Pantry. Virginia Bowles will take the lesson for March which will be taught Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Connie gave a summary of our lesson, "Maximizing Your Dollars In Retirement". Connie also showed how to make the ruffle scarves which you crochet.

Members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. We missed Martha Ann Peddicord, Madeline Burgoon and Audrey McKinney.

Next meeting is at Tina Wolfe's on Thurs., Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. and the lesson is a mailout.

TRIPLE RIDGE

Triple Ridge Homemakers met Mon., Jan. 13 at noon at The Parkview Inn, Augusta. This was the time to enjoy a variety of soups plus chicken salad, pimento cheese sandwiches and an array of wonderful desserts. Jenny Rice and Nancy Hicks served as hostesses.

After the delightful meal Pres. Richards called the meeting to order before all dozed off to a nap. She led the pledge to the flag. Roberta Shepherd gave the invocation with a reading entitled "I've Learned All About Life From a Snow Man". Margarette Carl gave the thought entitled "Snow provokes responses that we reach back to childhood". Roll call was answered with a snow day memory.

Minutes were read by Louise Moneyhon. Discussed the lesson on etching. Was tabled until next meeting. Treas. report was given by Brenda Welte. President asked for reports from committees. Discussed doing something for residents of Bracken Nursing & Rehab. Was agreed to donate \$10 a month for five months for the bingo prizes. We feel we are lucky to have such a nice facility in our community. Millie Bush and Ina McCord have residents at the center and said most every worker there did a wonderful job of caring. Pres. Richards appointed a committee to come up with some things to do at the center for residents. They will report back at next meeting.

Was voted to draw names for Valentine's Day and get a card for name drawn. Group sang Happy birthday to Millie Bush and Karen Sweeney.

Margarette, activity director, had everyone answer questions on Kentucky. Could tell where this group was from - they actually knew the answers without Sue telling them.

Next meeting is Tues., (instead of Mon.), Feb. 11 at 12 noon at home of Millie Bush.

Special prayers for members facing surgery - Sue Lucas, Martha Smith and Judith Richards. We are there for them - this is what this club does best!



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COUNTRYSIDE HOMEMAKERS

The Countryside Homemakers December meeting was a wonderful get together at Janet Meyer's home with all members present. We were treated to an incredible dinner with the basics and turkey being made by Janet Meyer and the rest of the members bringing additional sides and desserts. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The Christmas project was discussed in which we adopted a boy's home and what gifts we still needed were decided on. After dinner we played games, enjoyed each other's company and shared Christmas stories.

Countryside home-maker's January meeting was held on Friday 1/10/14 at Mary Ellen Stegemann's home. Roll call was called and members present were: President Faye Chinn, Kathy Bay, Luann Doyle, Diana Sharp, Mary Ellen Stegemann, Karen Rumford, Carol Sarakatsannis, Mareka Scott, Mary Lou Hickey, Janet Meyer and minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. President Faye Chinn discussed the state meeting which will be in Bowling Green 5/12-5/15 as well as reminded us about the backpack program for school kids that we can contribute to.

Letters were read that were sent from the boy's home which we adopted for our Christmas project and it was obvious the gifts provided were greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in being the management safety chairperson can contact Penny Sticklen. Patty Morehead has been named the International Chairperson.

Skills day was discussed and they hope to have 2 crafts and a food in the morning and 2 crafts and a food in the afternoon, the day to be named in the future but is set for springtime.

The lesson of the evening was "Maximizing dollars in retirement" and a handout was provided as well.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8.

Celebrate the New Year with 10 Free Flowering Trees

Residents of Kentucky can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2014.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapple, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Kentucky lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2014. Kentucky residents can also join online at arbor-day.org/january.

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162,000 Kentuckians Enrolled in Health Insurance Thanks to kynect

Private health plans make up 25 percent of enrollments

Signups for affordable health insurance are not only going strong in the Commonwealth – they are accelerating. More than 162,000 Kentuckians are now enrolled in new health coverage, or an average of 1,500 per day. That's even faster than the initial rate last fall of 1,000 signups per day.

kynect administrators report that the website consistently supports 2,000 concurrent users during heaviest usage times.

One out of every 4 kynect signups is for private health insurance.

kynect administrators strongly encourage those who have enrolled in private insurance plans desiring a Jan. 1 effective date but have not paid their first premiums to do so as soon as possible. However, open enrollment continues through March 31 for any Kentuckian seeking health insurance.

kynect has been hailed as a national model since its launch for its smooth operation and easy interface for users looking for affordable health coverage.

Information for newly insured

If you began the process of signing up for coverage on or before Dec. 23 and selected a plan but haven't yet received your insurance cards in the mail, don't worry. Insurers are processing a high volume of new enrollments. To verify coverage with your insurer, go to your kynect account. On the dashboard, click "View Details", then "Future Enrollments" to get your Enrollment ID Number.

Providing your kynect Enrollment ID Number to your insurance provider will assist issuers in locating new enrollees in their systems. Welcome packets and invoices should arrive soon for people who signed up in the past several weeks.

Weekly statistics report

The below statistics reflect activity on kynect as of 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17:

- 890,896 unique visitors viewing more than 30 million web pages
- 606,455 preliminary screenings
- 162,099 Kentuckians are enrolled in new health coverage, including Medicaid and private insurance
- 122,328 have enrolled in Medicaid
- 39,771 have enrolled in

a qualified health plan

• 48,476 have been found eligible for a subsidy to purchase a qualified health plan, but some have yet to select a plan

• Nearly 44 percent of the total enrollees (Medicaid or qualified health plans) are under 35 years old, and nearly 32 percent of enrollees in private health plans are under 35

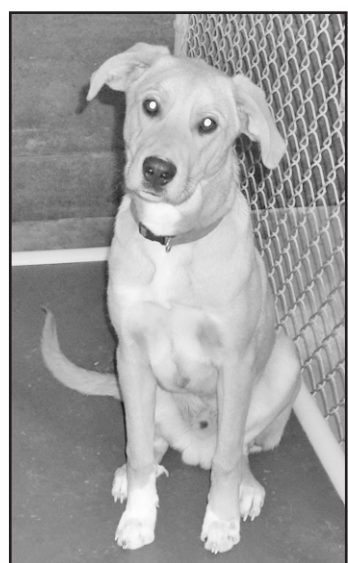
• 12,712 enrolled in standalone dental plans

• 1,336 small businesses have started applications for employee coverage, and 537 of those businesses have completed applications and are eligible to offer coverage to employees.

• 395,559 calls handled by the kynect contact center, an average of more than 3,600 per day.

For further updates on kynect numbers, visit governor.ky.gov/healthierky. Statistics will be updated there regularly.

Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog



This guy is called G-Paw, he is 8 months old. G-Paw is half Lab and half Golden Retriever, full of energy and loves children. Please visit and like our Facebook page, under "Bracken County Animal Shelter". December was a great month for adoptions, plus our great Rescue Groups assisted with several other great dogs. Visit us online or in person, or call the Shelter at 606-735-3475.

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Announcements

The "Shine A Light On Autism" Project is rescheduled for Fri., Jan. 24. BCHS vs. St. Pat game.

The annual Buffalo Trace Area Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner is set for Sat., Jan. 25 in the Cox Building in Maysville. Social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 by Jan. 17 and \$35 at the door. Contact 756-2693 for reservations and further information.

Bracken Co. Democratic Executive Committee will meet Wed., Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Augusta Pub. All registered Democrats and Democratic candidates are encouraged to attend and discuss the upcoming 2014 county, state, and federal elections.

Bracken Co. Library will have crafts, board games and Legos on Thurs., Jan. 30 for ages preschool-12th grade from 3-5 p.m.

"Movie Night" at the Bracken Co. Library is Fri., Jan. 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Movie is Smurf's 2 (PG). Enjoy popcorn and drinks. Must register by calling 735-3620.

Bracken Co. Circuit Clerk's office will close Fri., Jan. 31 at noon and be closed Sat., Feb. 1 for computer programming updates.

Bracken County FRYSC Advisory Council will meet Tues., Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the FRYSC Office. In the event that school is closed or dismissed early, the meeting will be canceled. The rescheduled date will be Thurs., Feb. 6. The public is invited to attend.

KSP accepting applications for Post 6 Citizens Police Academy

Kentucky State Police, Post 6, is now accepting applications for the 2014 Kentucky State Police Citizens Police Academy. The 11-week academy is scheduled to begin on February 20th and conclude May 1st. Participants will meet Thursdays from 6-8 p.m., where they will learn about the many facets of the Kentucky State Police including patrol, criminal investigations, and drug investigations. Participants will also get to take part in simulated law enforcement training during the course.

The Academy will be held at Indiana-Wesleyan University campus in Florence, KY. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Kentucky State Police, Post Six or by contacting Trooper David P. Jones at 849-428-5609, or email at davidp.jones@ky.gov. Applications can also be obtained online by visiting www.kentuckystatepolice.org/posts/post6.htm. Anyone 18 years of age or older with no criminal history, living within the Kentucky State Police, Post Six district is welcome to apply. All applicants are subject to a background check. There is no cost to attend this training. Class size will be limited to the first 30 approved applications.

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Katelyn Meyer named to honor roll at KCU

Katelyn Meyer has achieved the honor of being named to the Honor Roll at Kentucky Christian University for the 2013 fall semester. The Honor Roll is granted to full-time students who earn a grade point average of 3.3 to 3.74.

Katelyn is the daughter of Ernie & Sharon Meyer, of Brooksville. Katelyn is a 2010 graduate of Bracken County High School and majors in Middle School Education and Bible at KCU.

Bracken Board of Education recognizes Students of the Month



The Bracken County Board of Education honored Students of the Month and Art Students of the Month at their January 13, 2014 board meeting. Pictured left to right are: Tanner Yelton, Victoria Highfield, Chloe Hill, Lydia Myers (standing), Maria Groves (standing), Ashlee Applegate, Cierra Poe, and Deeanna Oldham. Keep up the good work!

Photo submitted

Bracken Board of Education

January 13, 2014

Present: Board Members: Greg Jones, Julie Riggs, Lisa Woods, and Cindy Cummins; Treasurer: Brittany Jefferson; Superintendent: Jeff Aulick; Staff and Visitors: Jennifer Stewart, Mike Hunter, Perry Poe, Amber Highfield, Kenny Highfield, Victoria Highfield, Katie Dice, Lydia Myers, Heather Brumley, Gena Brumley, Mary Kate Scolf, Bonnie Poe, Cierra Poe, Marjorie Burton, Russell Wyatt, Cameron Nickoson, Bart Brumley, Jennifer Maines, Dwayne Sharp, Mya Sharp, Jackie Hamilton, Deborah Cortner, Deeanna Oldham, Maryellen Oldham, Derrick Yelton, Angela Yelton, Tanner Yelton, Dawn Groves, Eddie Groves, Maria Groves, Jessica Morris, Britni McElfresh, Sherri Norton, Barbara Appelman, Mandie Appelman, Ashlee Applegate, Chloe Hill, Halie Melson, David Myers, Cheri Myers, Brody Hill, Amey Hill, Mike Rosel, Shonda Rosel, and Mallarie Rosel.

The January 13, 2014 Bracken County Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Jones.

Students of the Month

Taylor - Cierra Poe, Ashlee Applegate, and Tanner Yelton

BCMS - Deeanna Oldham and Maria Groves
BCHS - Kristen Fryman, Brooke Lange, and Lydia Myers

Art Students of the Month

Taylor - Victoria Highfield
Middle School - Chloe Hill

High School - No nomination due to break

Items Approved by the Board at its January 13, 2014 Meeting were:

•Minutes of December 9, 2013 regular board

•December 2013 Treasurers Report

•Payment of all Bills and Claims

•Acknowledgment of Activity Accounts

•2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Bracken County Board of Education as regular board meeting date, time, and location for 2014

•School Related Out of State Student Trips: 7th & 8th grade Science Trip to Disney World, Orlando, FL 3/29/14-4/3/14 using common carrier Southwest and Disney Transportation

•Use of Facilities: Milford Christian Church to use the Middle School Gym

on February 2, 2014 for their Super Bowl Party

•Release of ADA for students residing on Day Hill Road to Pendleton County Schools and a 1:1 Contract on all other students

•SLP Contract Services Agreement

•BG-1 for Security Entrance at High School and Middle School

•BC-1 to replace roof on Middle School Gym with Craig Aossey as architect

•Surplus bus for scrap and wrestling mat

•2014-2015 Draft Budget

•Affordable Care Act Board Policies

•Spring Fundraisers

Items Reviewed by the Board at its January 13, 2014 Meeting with No Action Taken were:

•Board Member Appreciation and recognition

•JV Cheerleading Squad

•CDIP

•SBDM/CSIP Reports

•Attendance Report

•School Calendar Process

Personnel: The following individuals were hired pending meeting all board requirements:

Certified: Kayla Hamilton (Kindergarten Teacher) and Tammy Schuler (Preschool Teacher)

Classified Sub: Christian Jones and Andrea Applegate

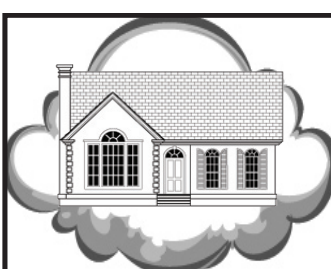
Certified Sub: Addison Mill, Erica Carpenter, Paul Sanchez, and Sarah Collins

Extra-Curricular: Andrea Applegate (Intramural Basketball Coordinator)

FMLA: Melissa Hamilton and Penny Sticklen

Theresa Wyatt approached the Board regarding funding for the Football program and facilities.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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Tues., Jan. 28 - Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

Wed., Jan. 29 - Cinnamon toast, fruit, cereal, juice, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 30 - Ham & biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.

Fri., Jan. 31 - Doughnuts, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

LUNCH

Mon., Jan. 27 - Chicken patty on bun or chef salad, baked beans, broccoli, fruit, milk.

Tues., Jan. 28 - Taco salad with nacho chips or turkey & cheese sandwich, corn, carrots, fruited gelatin, milk.

Wed., Jan. 29 - Chili or veg. soup, pimento cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, veg. sticks w/dip, crackers, fruit, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 30 - Salsibury steak or hot dog on bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, fruit, milk.

Fri., Jan. 31 - Grilled cheese or hoagie on bun, brown beans, peas, cornbread, fruit, milk.

AUGUSTA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

Mon., Jan. 27 - Pancake wrap/syrup or cereal or oatmeal, fruit, milk, OJ.

Tues., Jan. 28 - Fr. toast/syrup, sausage or cereal, mixed fruit, milk, OJ.

Wed., Jan. 29 - Sausage/biscuit or cereal, mixed fruit, milk, OJ.

Thurs., Jan. 30 - Scrambled eggs, toast/jelly or cereal, milk, OJ.

Fri., Jan. 31 - Donuts or cereal or oatmeal, peaches, milk, OJ.

LUNCH

Mon., Jan. 27 - Chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrots, pears, milk.

Tues., Jan. 28 - Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, applesauce, milk.

Wed., Jan. 29 - Baked ham, lima beans, buttered potatoes, pineapple, milk.

Thurs., Jan. 30 - Pizza or hot dog on bun, salad, peaches, milk.

Fri., Jan. 31 - Sloppy jo on bun, curly fries, slaw, mixed fruit, milk.

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Frankfort Focus

A Legislative Perspective on the Kentucky General Assembly
State Rep. Mike Denham



Over the last few years, the General Assembly has rededicated its efforts to increase government transparency here in Kentucky. We have routinely been recognized for having one of the nation's best websites to track state spending, for example, and last year, we adopted a new law to shine a brighter light on the quasi-government agencies that run our airports, libraries, health departments and public utilities.

To continue that trend this year, I filed legislation that would increase financial reporting requirements for our schools and streamline the hiring of financial officers for school districts. This bill cleared the House Education Committee early last week and should be up for a vote in the full House soon.

If this becomes law, it would have the Kentucky Department of Education become more involved in setting qualifications for school financial officers, and it would make sure the department checks each school district's finances annually and then make these reports easily accessible to the public. This bill also clarifies annual school board training requirements so they include information on ethics, school finances and superintendent evaluations.

As that bill moves forward, another was filed last week to require state and local governments to notify Kentuckians if their personal information has been improperly released or stolen. In the wake of recent breaches like the one that affected Target, the need for this has become all too apparent, given the sensitive personal data our governments have.

In addition to transparency, a key topic last week in the House was an effort to give voters a chance in November to decide whether most felons should have the right to vote after they serve their sentence, including probation and parole. This is automatic in nearly every other state, but here, it takes a formal petition to the gov-

ernor.

If this passes and voters approve, this change would benefit an estimated 180,000 citizens, although there would be some understandable exceptions, such as convictions for murder or sexually related crimes like rape and sodomy.

Although not a bill, the House took time last Tuesday to formally declare it be known as Kentucky Food Bank Day, which recognizes the fact that more than 620,000 of our citizens rely on charitable food banks. Last year alone, our food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters provided an estimated 44 million meals.

This week, the highlight will be Governor Beshear's presentation of his two-year budget and road plan. Although few details have been released as of this writing, Gov. Beshear did make a major announcement last week when he pledged to four-lane the remainder of the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway and extend it by the year 2020.

If this can be done, it will ensure that a four-lane road will be available from the start of the Mountain Parkway near Winchester to Pikeville. This holds a lot of potential for a region that has been hit especially hard because of the economy and the decline in the coal industry.

I will discuss the governor's proposals more in-depth in next week's column. For now, I want to thank those who have already taken the time to let me know their views about the issues in front of the General Assembly.

If you would like to join them, you can write to me at Room 329E, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You can also leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

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Howdy Folks! Normally Brooksville would be hustling and bustling about at this time as buses and parents transport the children to school for these students to be greeted by the many teachers, but this Monday is set aside to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King and things are pretty quiet around the office! Celebration of the national holiday of Martin Luther King Day is observed on the third Monday of January which is close to Dr. King's birthday of January 15 (1929). Throughout his life, Dr. King promoted peace as a pastor, activist, humanitarian and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. His role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs set him apart from other leaders. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, allegedly by James Earl Ray. As with many political leaders of that time, controversy, conspiracy and cover-up surrounded the circumstances of his death, but Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech has remained one of the best written and delivered oratories of all time. May this beautiful Monday bring peace and happiness to each of you as we recall the life and times of Martin Luther King.

Like so many of you, we were beginning to raise our family during the sixties and seventies and the events of that time make us appreciate the small community in which we lived! Our lives were somewhat protected in the confines of Bracken County's boundaries and the serious violence of that historic era did not affect us as much as it did folks living in many parts of the country. Bracken County has always been a safe haven and our home and it is our dream to impart the love that we have for this

county to all residents! When you love your surroundings, it is so much easier to care for them! That would mean no litter, lots of folks recycling, no nuisance properties and it would also mean that our dream has come true!

One item we wrote about several years ago will soon become a reality! Companies have been working to basically 'un-bake the cake' regarding plastics! One Oregon-based start-up company known as Agilyx says it has created a system that converts discarded plastic into crude oil by essentially cooking the plastics into a gas and condensing the vapor that can subsequently be converted into diesel, jet fuel and other substances! Roughly a gallon of gas can be squeezed out of seven to ten pounds of plastic and executives have suggested that a barrel of this crude oil could sell for \$52 as opposed to the conventional crude oil which sells for \$85 to \$95 a barrel! This latest technology would be capable of turning 40,000 pounds of plastic into 130 barrels of oil in a day with increased production rates as the technology advances!

In 1960 (back to the sixties!), the total municipal solid waste in the U.S. was 88.1 million tons, while today's 243 million tons a year continue to grow! Many companies have reincarnated virtually everything in the waste stream, but with two trillion pounds of plastic now sitting in landfills, it makes sense to manufacture discarded plastic into usable products! While there may not be much hope for the current land filled plastic, there's plenty of plastic discarded each day that can soon be the source of your next tank of fuel! Please make a renewed effort to RECYCLE, REUSE and REDUCE to keep God's earth clean green and beautiful! Be seein' you - Bin & Bug.



Polar Vortex brings float and fly time on Kentucky reservoirs

Meteorologists called the recent cold snap that sent air temperatures plummeting to subzero levels all over the Ohio Valley a "Polar Vortex." Old timers used to call Arctic winds "severe cold fronts" or "freezes," but Polar Vortex sounds much sexier.

It froze the ground hard, burst water pipes, numbed fingers, increased heating bills and generally caused misery across Kentucky.

The vortex also sucked the heat from Kentucky's small-mouth reservoirs, sending water temperatures below the 40 degree mark for a time, a rarity for most Kentucky winters. The water temperature at Burnside on Lake Cumberland on Jan. 10 read 39.4 degrees, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website. The water temps hovered in the low 40s on Laurel River Lake this past Monday.

The shad and alewives that live in reservoirs such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow, Laurel River Lake and



The recent extreme cold snap lowered water temperatures in Kentucky's smallmouth bass reservoirs such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake, Green River Lake and Laurel River Lake. The cold water stresses the baitfish in these lakes. The float and fly presentation perfectly imitates a winter stressed baitfish. The next six weeks will be the most productive time in several years to try the float and fly.

Photo courtesy of Lee McClellan

lower Green River Lake don't feel so good in water this cold. They twitch in stressful spasms and swim on their sides as they fight to survive winter's stress. The recent extreme cold created made to order conditions for the float and fly presentation. The colder the water, the better the presentation works.

Smallmouth bass suspend in the water column over points, channel drops or along bluffs waiting to pick off winter-stressed baitfish in January and February on these lakes. Large female smallmouth bass must eat now to nourish the eggs growing inside them.

"The small fly has enough action to trigger a response, but isn't a huge energy investment on the fish's part," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It is a perfect imitation of a thermally stressed shad."

The float and fly presentation is a fun way to fish. It brings you back to the early days of fishing with an older relative, intently waiting for a bobber to disappear. You'll need a spinning rod between 8 and 11 feet long and a spinning reel with a good drag. Many manufacturers now offer affordable spinning rods of this length.

The system employs 4-pound test line, but many float and fly enthusiasts use a spinning reel designed for heavier lines. The larger reel's heavier weight helps better balance the long rod and the bigger spool grants much more line capacity, imparting a little extra casting distance.

The term "fly" is a southern smallmouth angler expression for a hair jig. A bucktail jig with a pork trailer is called a "fly and rind" in the upper South. The fly in the float and fly is a two-inch long, 1/16- to 1/8-ounce jig dressed in either craft fur or duck feathers or a combination of both. The fly



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is suspended anywhere from 8- to 14-feet deep under a bobber.

Some anglers use specially weighted foam bobbers designed to turn on their side if a fat suspended smallmouth engulfs the fly and doesn't move, a common occurrence in winter. Others use a 7/8-inch pear-shaped hard plastic bobber, but these crack and become worthless if they strike shoreline rocks. A cracked bobber will slowly sink like a huge smallmouth engulfed the fly; a foam bobber that hits a rock just gets a dent and still floats.

Many float and fly enthusiasts spool their reels with 4-pound green monofilament or clear fluorocarbon line, attach a bobber and tie on a fly. Others use braided lines equivalent in size to 2-pound monofilament with a much higher breaking strength tied to a 3-way swivel. They tie a 4-pound fluorocarbon leader to an open loop on the swivel, tie the fly to the leader and clip on a bobber to the other swivel loop.

Proponents of this rigging believe the swivel and braided line grants more casting distance and gives the fly more action. Those who prefer just line trust one knot over three. Plus, adjusting the depth of the fly is much easier with this method.

Eight feet deep is a good depth to suspend the fly and adjust shallower or deeper as conditions dictate. Windy, overcast days call for a shallower fly depth while shimmering, bright days may require a depth up to 14 feet.

Cast the fly to a main lake point, channel drop or bluff wall and let the bobber ride the waves and impart action on the lure. Employ an overhand cast and allow the fly to hit the water on the back cast, providing slight resistance that increases casting distance.

On calm days, shake the rod tip and make the bobber wink at you in place to impart action on the lure. The erratic movement is what fools the big smallmouth into thinking your fly is a winter stressed shad.

Reel the offering in about 10 feet and repeat.

The small V-shaped coves are overlooked smallmouth lairs on these reservoirs. Cast the float and fly right into the middle of these coves as smallmouth often suspend right over the cut in the bottom that formed them.

Craft hair jigs in combinations of sky blue, chartreuse, white and red work well for the float and fly, the blue and chartreuse combination works extremely well on Lake Cumberland. Jigs tied with the flank feathers of a mallard duck combined with strands of pink, red or chartreuse crystal flash excel in colder water.

Anglers often rub a petroleum jelly based scent known as dope on the head of their flies. Some trim their craft hair jigs to follow the bend of the hook and liberally dope the entire fly until it looks like a stick in the water. This works especially well on sunny, clear days when winter smallmouths are most finicky.

The float and fly out performs live bait when the smallmouth suspend in the coldest water of the year in mid-to late winter. The next six weeks will be the best time in several years to try it.

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Denham's school finance bill clears House panel

A bill filed by State Rep. Mike Denham that would require school financial reports from school districts and Kentucky's Department of Education cleared the House Education Committee this week.

Denham, D-Maysville, said House Bill 154 will ensure transparency of Kentucky's public school system finances and improve accountability of those who oversee the system.

"When districts are looking at every possible avenue for maximizing revenue as they are today, it helps to have reporting mechanisms in place so that accurate information is available," said Denham. "The purpose of HB 154 is to assist financial officers and state education leaders in moving Kentucky's schools forward."

A committee amendment to the legislation would require certification of school finance officers and specify annual training requirements for school finance officers, school board members and superintendents.

Additionally, an annual review of school district financial reports would be required by the legislation.

Rep. Mike Denham represents the Kentucky House of Representatives' 70th District which includes Bracken, Fleming, Robertson, and Mason counties.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mayor and City Council
City of Augusta
Augusta, Kentucky 41002

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Augusta, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the City of Augusta, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-8 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 13, 2013, on our consideration of the City of Augusta, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Augusta, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Donna J. Hendrix, CPA

Donna J. Hendrix, CPA, PSC
Morehead, Kentucky
December 13, 2013

CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	300,775	355,172	54,397
Licenses and Permits	146,749	136,012	(10,737)
Fines and Forfeits	400	298	(102)
Intergovernmental Revenue	44,100	49,504	5,404
Charges for Services	379,237	373,469	(5,768)
Kentucky Grant-Clopay	-	501,987	501,987
Miscellaneous	179,515	132,939	(46,576)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,050,776	1,549,381	498,605
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General Government	309,020	702,721	(393,700)
Police	163,422	185,205	(21,783)
Fire	20,500	28,233	(7,733)
Recreation and Park	94,350	130,844	(36,494)
Streets	20,370	50,376	(30,006)
Sanitation	263,000	374,164	(111,164)
Tourism	107,430	63,017	44,413
Capital Outlay	50,303	10,449	39,854
Debt Service	22,381	14,794	7,586
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,050,776	1,559,802	(509,026)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(10,421)	(10,421)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out) - Proprietary Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	0	(10,421)	(10,421)
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2012	21,277	(185,505)	206,782
Prior Period Adjustment		-	-
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2013	21,277	(195,926)	217,203

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CITY OF AUGUSTA, KENTUCKY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES SPECIAL REVENUE (CDBG) FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

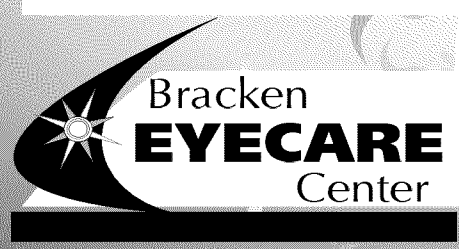
	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES:			
Taxes			-
Licenses and Permits			-
Fines and Forfeits			-
Intergovernmental Revenue			-
Charges for Service			-
Miscellaneous	2,160	2,949	789
TOTAL REVENUES	2,160	2,949	789
EXPENDITURES:			
Current			
General Government	2,160	-	(2,160)
Police			-
Fire			-
Recreation			-
Streets			-
Sanitation			-
Tourism			-
Capital Outlay			-
Debt Service			-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,160	-	(2,160)
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	2,949	2,949
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers in (out) - Proprietary Funds	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-	-
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	-	2,949	2,949
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2012	37,292	20,277	(17,015)
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2013	\$ 37,292	\$ 23,226	\$ (14,067)

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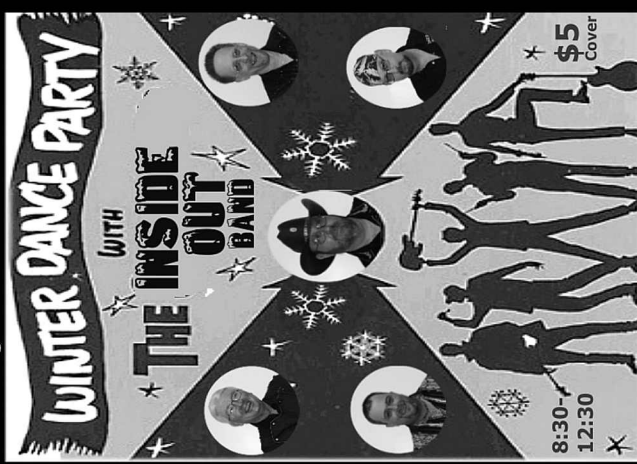
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Sports in Kentucky by Bob Watkins

‘Omaha’ to media opportunity, has sports journalism gone soft to Process?

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way. — Martin Luther King Jr.

Doctor King's words resonate still. And, all the way to my profession.

Sports writers and broadcasters today have become fans, competing with bloggers and Eye Candy holding forth at ESPN. Dance tune? Money. Who has it, who's demanding more, who's the next kid who's going to get it and how soon. Education be damned and ball coaches shop for bigger jobs. Short of a now-and-then Who's Your Daddy from Sports Illustrated in 1999 and an occasional 30 for 30 on ESPN, talking heads are cool and imitation-worthy for local markets.

Last week, the word Omaha became the rage. Peyton Manning used the word in line-of-scrimmage cadence 31 times against the Patriots. Everyone was impressed. Word out of Manning's mouth raised \$24,800 for his foundation. Noble undertaking, but a Pandora's Box precedent.

What do fans think? Well, business is business, man. Just look the other way.

Closer to home in KY ...

Coaches. Believed-to-be honorable men affix their names to five-six year contracts, then bolt for more money and higher place on the pole. Many sports media stand admiring the ballet which is Process – guesses, clandestine meetings, rumors, flirtations, then blanket denials, then presto: A ball coach introductory press conference. The speed of Process is a fascination.

Charlie Strong, one year into an eight year contract, left. Story line? Louisville's Tom Jurich became media darling for his skill and daring to rob a serial job jumper from another school.

Contract? What contract? Strong and Bobby Petrino neither answered to his fans (in Louisville or Bowling Green).

The job jump at Louisville was shamefully arrogant, but not exceptional. More shameful was that media marveled at \$strong's the Jurich's process; then a Biblical spin – prodigal-son-come-home, accorded Petrino. His contrition was redemptive enough to look the other way.

On Strong's blatant defection and Petrino's rehabilitation, UofL president James Ramsey deferred to tail that wags this dog, Jurich. And why not, man's a maestro with spin.

Fans? Those who buy tickets deserved a report on Strong's penalty pay, how much and when UofL is compensated and what happens to the money. And details on Petrino's deal, incentives to behave.

Petrino and Western? Likelihood of this ball coach facing Hilltopper fans being accountable on principle were laughably remote.

Lexington area?

Talk shows on in, sports journalism around University of Kentucky is pep rally and dog-and-pony show (UK officials call it Media Opportunity). Questions? I no longer attend, but from transcripts I see, they range from “Hey Cal, how good do you feel about Julius's cramp issues?” to “Cal, is this team improving to your expectations?”

Maybe fans might like to know: “How was it Arkansas was able to make a team infinitely more talented play at (coach) Mike Anderson's tem-

po?” or “Isn't blocking out on perimeter shots a fundamental kids (in Kentucky) learn in junior high?”

With few exceptions, media around UK are openly fraternal with our pal Cal.

Fans? What about ‘em? Business is business, man. Just look the other way.

NEWS & VIEWS

NEWS. Richie Farmer begins his 27 months in prison for “sense of entitlement” guilty plea in March.

VIEW. If he serves full term, Farmer will be near 48 when he leaves prison. Prime of life to make a new one. I wish him well. Maybe a book contract to help pay debts. But more important by a Cawood Ledford mile, reconciliation with his three children.

NEWS. Internet story headline said: NCAA's officials director says refs doing good job enforcing new rules.

VIEW. In fact, the number of phantom calls have increased.

VIEW II. The Referee story was accompanied by a photo (USATSI) for the ages. Find it. From the Kentucky at Arkansas game, referee Roger Ayers is getting an in-your-face plea from John Calipari. Kentucky's coach should have this one hanging in his office.

Comment: If you would like a copy, send your e-mail address.

NEWS. Northwestern did what in Bloomington last Saturday?

VIEW. Here come those Wildcats! Now, if we can just get Vanderbilt on a roll.

NEWS. Eastern Kentucky scored a signature win in OVC play last week beating Belmont 74-63 in front of an ECU record crowd.

VIEW. Best part was reaction of ECU guard Corey Walden following the game: “That was the most fun I've had in a game in my life,” he told reporters.

Comment: When's last time a player at Kentucky or Louisville said as much?

NEWS. More frequently these days Western Kentucky's Hilltoppers' point guard duties are going to newcomer Chris Harrison-Docks.

VIEW. My candidate for college newcomer of year in Kentucky, Chris Harrison-Docks is a hard-nosed and gritty kid can't shoot like his dad did at Tollesboro, but he's got game and is an excellent fit. A freshman, Harrison-Docks is another “who knew” kid who should have signed at Western Kentucky, instead of Butler, in the first place.

NEWS. Last week, an internet site offered a list of college studs who project to be NBA duds, included: Tennessee junior Jarnell Stokes and North Carolina's James Michael McAdoo.

An underclassman playing himself onto this list or another year in college? Willie Cauley-Stein at Kentucky.

And so it goes.

January 23 Crossword Puzzle

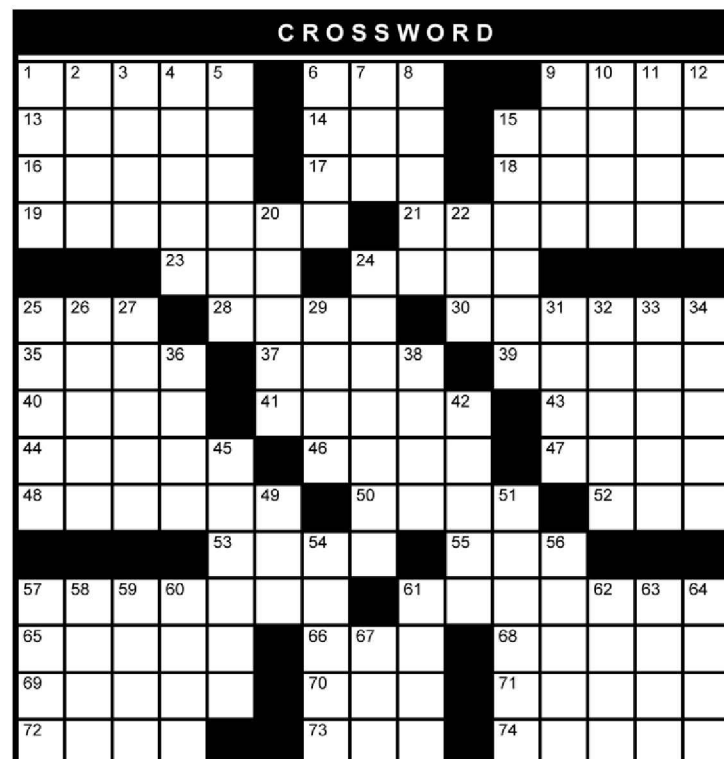
WINTER OLYMPICS

ACROSS

1. Abstains from food
6. Female sib
9. Like Homer Simpson's head
13. Freeze
14. Notable time
15. Andrea Bocelli, e.g.
16. Third rock from the sun
17. “I thee ____”
18. Loosen laces, e.g.
19. *Number of participating Olympic sports
21. *Kerrigan's nemesis
23. Nest egg
24. Poacher's trophy
25. A small amount of liquid
28. Shining armor
30. Ultra bookworm
35. Viewer's appreciation
37. Riyadh native
39. Yokel's holler
40. Kournikova or Karenina
41. Nostrils
43. German mister
44. From center to perimeter of circle, pl.
46. Ricci of fashion
47. Nonclerical
48. *First Winter Olympics host
50. Solid part of wall
52. Code word
53. Mosque V.I.P.
55. Party bowlful
57. *Olympic athlete of yesteryear
61. *It happened on ice, 1980
65. Computer woe
66. Cowboy's heel prod
68. Trial and ____
69. Unable to move
70. Funerary vase
71. More then one crocus
72. *Gold winning ice dancers, Torvill and ____
73. Pilot's announcement, acr.
74. Exemplary

DOWN

1. Medieval domain
2. Popular smoothie berry
3. #1 Down laborer
4. Little Richard's “____ Frutti”
5. Orb shape
6. Fastened stitches
7. Rage
8. Ascetic holy Hindu
9. Form a curve



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10. Opposed to
11. Tender cut
12. Small amount of residue
15. *Eurasian winner of 88 medals but no winter ones
20. *Only Olympian to win Gold in summer and winter
22. Nile viper
24. Government system in pre-revolutionary Russia
25. *Keeps neck warm in Sochi?
26. Of an arm bone
27. Chinese bear
29. Persia
31. “Matilda” author
32. Beforehand
33. Waterwheel
34. *Relayed flame
36. Sacrifice for gain
38. Out of shape
42. Saudi Arabia native
45. Most frozen
49. Down Under runner
51. Do like Tarantino
54. Lock horns
56. Avoid an attack
57. Zealous
58. Collier's office
59. A particular region
60. *Speed skaters often touch the ice making one
61. Madonna's 2012 release
62. Field yield
63. Centers of activity
64. *American speed skating great
67. You know it when you see it?

Answers to 1-16-14 puzzle.



Basketball

PANTHERS

December

- 2 (W) 73-53 vs St. Pat
- 4 (W) 68-59 vs Robertson
- 7 (W) 73-57 vs Lloyd
- 9 (W) 95-87 vs Bourbon
- 10 (W) 69-67 vs Bracken
- 12 (W) 105-59 vs Nicholas
- 16 (W) 93-67 vs Pendleton
- 18 (W) 73-54 vs Lewis Co.
- 20 (L) 69-86 vs Mason Co.
- 21 (L) 68-75 vs Harrison
- 27 (L) 46-86 vs Lafayette
- 28 (L) 72-95 vs Hazard
- 29 (W) 75-64 vs Clinton Co.
- 30 (L) 58-82 vs Henry Clay

January

- 3 (W) 73-48 vs St. Pat
- 9 (L) 42-85 vs Harrison
- 11 (L) 38-76 vs Brossart

Game STATS unavailable.

POLAR BEARS

January

- 3 (W) 76-74 vs Pendleton in overtime
- 4 (L) 65-95 vs Model
- 8 (W) 75-46 vs Bellevue
- 9 (L) 48-72 vs Highlands
- 13 Class A Tourney - (L) 67-76 vs Paris

Game STATS unavailable.

LADY PANTHERS

January

- 3 (W) 53-22 vs St. Pat
- Scoring: Kaylee Barrett - 2, Dana Garrett - 2, Jerica Kelsch - 12, Samantha Kennard - 8, Paige McCord - 5, Olivia Rolph - 1, Leann Tucker - 4, Kaitlyn Whiteman - 15, and Olivia Wiseman - 4.

- 4 (W) 55-32 vs Paris
- Scoring: Garrett - 1, Kelsch - 20, Kennard - 2, McCord - 7, Rolph - 2, Whiteman - 17, and Wiseman - 6.

- 9 (L) 44-52 vs Harrison
- Scoring: Kelsch - 23, McCord - 7, Rolph - 1, and Whiteman - 13.

- 11 All A Tourney - (L) 34-50 vs Brossart - Kelsch - 16, Kennard - 2, McCord - 3, Rolph - 3, Whiteman - 4, and Wiseman - 6.

- 15 (W) 50-37 vs Covington Latin
- Scoring: Garrett - 2, Kelsch - 19, Kennard - 1, McCord - 11, Rolph - 2, Whiteman - 13, and Wiseman - 2.

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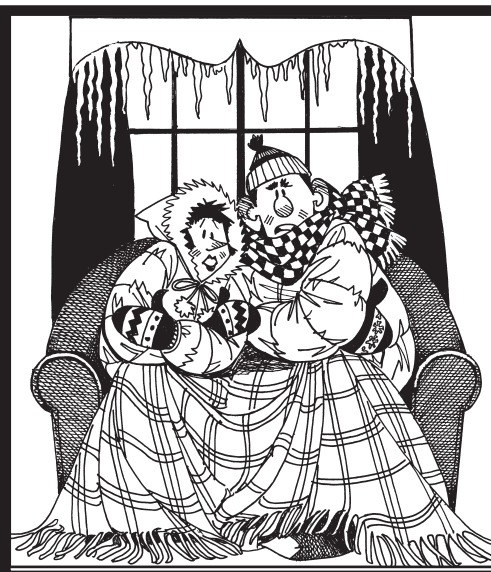


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BID NOTICE

The Bracken County Board of Education is accepting bids on a 1990 International Bus to be sold for scrap. Bids are due in the Bracken County Board of Education Office by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014. Anyone interested in bidding should contact the Bracken County Board of Education Office at 606-735-2523.

The Bracken County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1-23-c

BID NOTICE

The Bracken County Board of Education is accepting bids on the following items for the 2014-2015 school year: Bus repair parts; custodial supplies; instructional supplies (catalog bid); copier paper; gasoline, diesel & heating fuel; lubricants; tires & retreads; and fire inspections.

Bids are due in the Bracken Co. Board of Education Office by 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014. Anyone interested in bidding should contact the Bracken Co. Board of Education Office at 606-735-2523. Bids will be evaluated and awarded at the regular board meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AIS Financial Report Available

The Augusta Independent Board of Education's 2013 Annual Financial Report is now available for public viewing. The financial report can be accessed via the Augusta Independent School's web site (www.augusta.kyschools.us) or at the Knoedler Memorial Library located on Main Street in Augusta, Kentucky. 1-23-c

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No trespassing or hunting on the property owned by the Bradbury's on Hwy. 19 in the Valley Hi Subdivision, Augusta. (3-14)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the farm located at 2321 Johnsville-Foster Rd. (3-14)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, fishing, quad riding or trapping for any purpose on the 100 acres of Johnny & Jenny Free at 2075 Brooksville-Powersville Rd. and the 1 1/2 acres at 224 Freedom Lane. Violators will be prosecuted. (4-14)

Absolutely no hunting, quad running, or trespassing of any kind w/o written permission on the 40+/- acres of William & Theresa Shook at 2125 Sparks Road. (5-14)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the 100 acres of Arlene Jones located on Case Ridge. (7-14)

Absolutely no hunting, quad running, or trespassing of any kind on the 46 acres located at 432 Johnsville-Foster Rd., Foster. (7-14)

No trespassing, dumping or hunting on the Mary Latham Est., west Turtle Creek Road. (8-14)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, or ATV's on the 78 acres King's Haven Farm, 1675 Hamilton Rd. (8-14)

No hunting or trespassing of any kind, day or night on the farm at 2869 Moore Rd., without written permission. (9-14)

Courtney Farm - former Clarence Courtney farm, New Zion Rd. Absolutely no hunting, fishing, ATV or horseback riding, tractors, no trespassing without written notarized permission. All violators will be prosecuted. (9-14)

Fleeman property - Foster. No hunting or trespassing - both sides of Gibson Lane to Schellenberger & Kirkendol properties - N. side of 1951 to Willow Creek Rd. - W. side of Willow Cr. Rd. to line fence. (9-14)

Absolutely no hunting, fishing, trespassing or dumping at 345 Stump Road. Violators will be prosecuted. (10-14)

No trespassing, hunting, fishing or use of quad runners on the former John Bay farm located on the Johnsville-Foster Road, Eden Ridge, Willow Creek & AA Hwy. (10-14)

No hunting, 4-wheeling, or trespassing on McKenney land on No. 19 between Petra and Milford and on Moore Road. (10-14)

Absolutely no hunting, 4-wheeling, or trespassing including dogs on 60 acres owned by Tom & Emma Brumback at 549 Stump Rd. (10-14)

Absolutely no trespassing or hunting on the 25 acre Hiles-Brooks farm behind Valley View Subdivision, formerly belonging to Art Taylor. (10-14)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 65 acres on Snag Creek Rd. owned by Ricky Hamilton. (11-14)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the properties of Tommy Joe Cox located at 2468 Western Hills Rd. and 5032 Snag Creek Rd. (11-14)

Absolutely no hunting, fishing, trespassing or ATV riding on the 135 acres owned by Walter & Debbie Reinhart situated between Stump & Mattox Rd. in Bracken Co. (11-14)

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The following are the collection dates:

5% Penalty January 4, thru January 31, 2014

21% Penalty February 1, thru April 15, 2014

IMPORTANT NOTE: All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on April 15, 2014. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's fee, a 10% County Clerk's fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party and subject to substantial additional penalties and fees in the summer of 2014, if not paid to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon. Closed Sundays and all Federal holidays. Office will be closed Mon., Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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BID NOTICE

The First National Bank of Brooksville is now accepting bids on a **2004 Chevrolet Cavalier**. This vehicle is red and has 179,729 miles. It can be viewed in the Bank's parking lot, located on Woodward Ave., Brooksville. Please contact one of the Bank Officers at 606-735-2125 in order to inspect the vehicle, or if you need any additional information. We will be accepting bids from 1-17-14 through 1-30-14 and will be opening the bids on 1-31-14. Please submit your offer in writing. The First National Bank reserves the right to reject any and/or all offers, or to cancel the bid process. 1-30-c

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on January 17, 2014 Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") filed an application with the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky for approval of revisions in its Demand-Side-Management and Energy-Efficiency ("DSM/EE") program portfolio, as shown in KU's Adjustment Clause Demand-Side Management Cost Recovery Mechanism ("DSMCRM") tariff and the resulting changes in its DSMCRM charges. In its application, KU notified the KPSC that the revised DSMCRM tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after February 16, 2014; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMCRM tariff to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU has asked the Commission to approve the proposed changes in its DSM/EE program portfolio and resulting increases in the charges under the DSMCRM mechanism in its DSMCRM tariff to be effective on January 1, 2015.

The proposed changes to the DSM/EE program portfolio, if approved, will result in an increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism. The increase charges for all affected electric rate classes are as follows:

Residential Service Rate RS, Volunteer Fire Department Service Rate VFD, and Low Emission Vehicle Service Rate LEV			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00349	\$ 0.00378	+ \$ 0.00029	+ 8.3%

General Service Rate GS			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00238	\$ 0.00222	- \$ 0.00016	- 6.7%

All Electric School Rate AES			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00088	\$ 0.00101	+ \$ 0.00013	+ 14.7%

Power Service Rate PS, Time-of-Day Secondary Service Rate TODS, and Time-of-Day Primary Service Rate TODP			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00069	+ \$ 0.00002	+ 3.0%

KU projects that the monthly bill impact of the new DSM/EE programs and program enhancements will be an increase of \$0.29 per month for a KU residential electric customer using 1,000 kWh per month.

This tariff filing may be examined at the office of Kentucky Utilities Company, One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, or on Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

This tariff filing may also be examined at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The proposed changes to the DSM/EE program portfolio and associated increase in the charges calculated under the DSMCRM mechanism contained in this notice are proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company. The Public Service Commission may order changes to KU's proposed DSM/EE program portfolio that may result in charges under the DSMCRM mechanism that differ from the proposed charges contained in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

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Visitors and workers in Brooksville were surprised to see the parking spaces in front of the First National Bank blocked off with orange caution cones on Monday morning, January 20th. It was speculated the cones were set out for the public's safety, believing icicles may be falling from the building, posing a threat to passersby. Then, a large crane was seen stabilizing itself and lifting materials to the roof of the First National Bank. Closed for the Martin Luther King holiday, President Buddy Hamilton explained on Tuesday, preparation was being made to replace the roof of the First National Bank. Verville General Service, LLC of Maysville, took advantage of the nice weather on Monday to lift materials to the roof for a new EPDM rubber roof. Work will begin as soon as weather permits.

Farmer sentenced to 27 months for Misappropriating Funds

Former Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Richard Dwight Farmer, Jr., was sentenced January 14, 2014 to 27 months in federal prison and one year supervised release for misappropriating public resources during his tenure in office.

U.S. District Judge Gregory Van Tatenhove sentenced Farmer for theft from a program receiving federal funds. In addition to the prison term, Farmer will also be required to pay \$120,500 in restitution to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and a special assessment of \$200.00.

Judge Van Tatenhove released Farmer on his own recognizance and ordered Farmer to report to prison to begin serving his sentence on March 18, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. At a later date, the Bureau of Prisons will determine to which prison Farmer will report. Farmer will have to serve at least 85 percent of his prison sentence.

"We appreciate the Court's thoughtful decision regarding Mr. Farmer's sentence," said U.S. Attorney Kerry B. Harvey. "This sad episode now concludes, but we hope that it sends a lasting message that neither political power nor celebrity places anyone above the law. The public has been well-served by the dedicated law enforcement officers and prosecutors who prepared and prosecuted this case – their commitment to the task is noteworthy and appreciated."

During his guilty plea in September 2013, Farmer admitted that he misappropriated a total of \$120,500, by hiring friends who didn't perform work to justify their salaries and purchasing a number of items for his personal use with Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) funds.

Specifically, Farmer admitted that, in 2008, he used approximately \$19,500 in

KDA money to buy excessive gifts for a KDA sponsored conference. Farmer purchased rifles, rifle cases, knives, and gift cards, purportedly for use at the conference; but he actually took the items for his own use. Farmer further acknowledged that, in both 2008 and 2011, he misappropriated thousands of dollars in labor cost by putting friends on the public payroll, knowing they would perform little or no actual work for the KDA.

Farmer was elected to two terms as Commissioner of Agriculture and was responsible for the supervision and administration of the KDA from January 2004 until January 2012.

Farmer was indicted by a federal grand jury in April of last year.

Kerry B. Harvey, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Perry Turner, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, and Jack Conway, Kentucky Attorney General, jointly announced the sentence on Tuesday, January 14.

The investigation was conducted by the Kentucky Attorney General's Office and the FBI.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kenneth R. Taylor and Andrew T. Boone, and trial attorney Sean Mulryne with the Public Integrity Section of the United States Department of Justice.

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She's Pregnant! Sweet Pea becomes first confirmed Shark Ray in captivity to breed in the world

Newport Aquarium announced Saturday, January 18, that Sweet Pea, the first shark ray to go on display in the Western Hemisphere, is pregnant – marking the first time a shark ray has become pregnant while in a controlled environment.

This historical achievement was made possible through Newport Aquarium's revolutionary Shark Ray Breeding Program. Established in February 2007 with the introduction of an extremely rare male shark ray named Scooter, the Shark Ray Breeding Program (SRBP) is not just about reproducing this prehistoric looking fish.

"The goals of the program

go beyond breeding them. We're striving to learn as much as we can about shark rays," said Newport Aquarium Animal Health Specialist Jolene Hannah, who has been studying hormones in the shark rays since the program's inception.

Shark rays (Rhina ancylostoma) are rare, distinctive fish from the Indo-Pacific region. Feeding mostly on crabs and shellfish, they live near the coast and offshore reefs in tropical waters. Very little is known about this species that receives its name because their wide head area resembles a ray, while the rest of their body resembles a shark.

"We are thrilled with this development," said Mark Dvornak, general curator at Newport Aquarium and SRBP lead biologist. "The pregnancy is a testament to the hard work and dedication our husbandry and veterinary teams have given these many years to better understand these remarkable animals. Newport Aquarium is a leader in the husbandry of shark rays and we are often contacted by aquariums and zoos from around the world, seeking help with their shark rays."

After an ultrasound performed by Dr. Peter Hill and the Newport Aquarium husbandry staff confirmed her pregnancy on Jan. 8, Sweet Pea was taken off display and moved to an offsite facility in Northern Kentucky, where she will remain for the duration of the gestation period. The ultrasound equipment was on loan from the University of Cincinnati's FETCHLAB in the College of Allied Health Sciences.



Sweet Pea is shown during a recent physical. Photo courtesy of Justin Cain, Newport Aquarium Graphics Manager

Dr. Hill speculates that Sweet Pea could give birth to around a half a dozen pups. However, Newport Aquarium biologists are tempering expectations due to the uncharted territory of shark ray reproduction.

"As excited as we are, there's still a lot of work to do. There are many challenges and unknowns to overcome," said Scott Brehob, who along with Jen Hazeres are the two biologists that take care of the shark rays on a daily basis.

The World Conservation Union (IUCN) lists shark rays as vulnerable to extinction on its Red List of Threatened Animals. Threats to shark rays include habitat destruction, pollution, overfishing and the use of their fins for products including shark fin soup.

Upon Sweet Pea's arrival at Newport Aquarium in June 2005, there were just five institutions in the world with shark rays. Today that number has increased to 25 institutions.

Currently, Newport Aquarium has four total shark rays after the introduction of a second female shark ray, Sunshine, in 2007 and a second male, Spike, in 2013.

For the most up-to-date information on Sweet Pea's pregnancy visit www.NewportAquarium.com, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.